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FOL REPEAT BEIRUT 4120 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO

JIDDA TEHRAN DAMASCUS APR 01

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4120

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, OTRA, LE, LA (KRAFT, JOSEPH)

REF: A. STATE 59128 (NOTAL); B. JIDDA 2242 (NOTAL);

C. JIDDA 2282 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF 1030 HOURS APRIL 1, SAUDI EMBASSY BEIRUT STILL

HAS NO AUTHORIZATION ISSUE KRAFT VISA.

2. KRAFT NOW EXTREMELY, AND IN OUR OPINION UNJUSTIFIABLY,
CRITICAL OF DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMBASSIES. HE STATES THAT
ON ARRIVAL CAIRO RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM HIS OFFICE TO EFFECT
THAT QUOTE EAGLEBURGER HAD STATED VISA WOULD BE AVAILABLE
SAUDI EMBASSY BEIRUT ON HIS RETURN HERE MONDAY NIGHT END
QUOTE. WE GREETED HIM WITH LESS OPTIMISTIC NEWS CONTAINED
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REFTEL B. IT APPEARS OBVIOUS TO US THAT AT TIME KRAFT'S

OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT, MORE PESSIMISTIC NEWS CONTAINED REFTEL B NOT YET AVAILABLE. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS PERSUADE HIM OTHERWISE, KRAFT REMAINS CONVINCED THAT JIDDA QUOTE REPORTING ONE THING TO BEIRUT AND THE OPPOSITE TO WASHINGTON END QUOTE.

3. WE ALSO ATTEMPTED CONVINCE KRAFT THAT SAUDI BUREAUCRACY AT BEST SLOW AND VISA POLICIES UNPREDICTABLE, AND THAT ADDED CHAOS SHOULD BE EXPECTED IN VIEW ASSASSINATION. NEVERTHELESS, KRAFT INSISTS LAYING ENTIRE FAULT AT DOORSTEP OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ITS EXPLETIVE DELETED BUREAUCRACY. KRAFT STATES HE DOES NOT QUOTE INTEND LET MATTER DROP END QUOTE.

4. KRAFT LEAVING ON PLANNED TOUR GULF AND HOPES OBTAIN VISA AT TEHRAN ON ARRIVAL THERE APRIL 12. HE QUOTE EXPECTS END QUOTE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE HAVE VISA READY THERE AND TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF EFFORTS AT HIS VARIOUS STOPS IN GULF. WE TOLD KRAFT THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS REQUESTS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT PERTINENT CABLES TO TEHRAN AND GULF POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.

6. REFTEL C JUST RECEIVED. AS NOTED PARA 4, AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE CABLED TEHRAN. KRAFT CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL BEFORE EMBASSY ABLE RELAY INFO CONTAINED REFTEL C.
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